

Midwest Young Artists



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Midwest Young Artists Announces 5th Annual Discover National Chamber Competition Winners

HIGHWOOD, Ill. – On February 19, 2012 the 5th annual Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Discover National Chamber Music Competition took place at Ravinia in Highland Park. 40 pre-college chamber music ensembles traveled from near and as far as New York, Minnesota, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio to perform their pieces in front of a panel of distinguished judges from around the country.

Students 12th grade and younger competed for more than \$5,000 in scholarships and cash prizes in the MYA Division and the Open Division, which were further divided into the Strings & Piano Category and the Other Instruments Category (Brass, Percussion, Voice, and Winds).

In addition to their \$1,000 cash prizes, each of the overall winning ensembles will be performing a free recital with winners of the MYA Walgreens National Concerto Competition at the Chicago Cultural Center on March 4 at 3:00pm.

Each member of category winning ensembles will receive a \$250 scholarship to Midwest Young Artists programs.

2012 Judges:

Jon Boen: Lyric Opera, Grant Park Orchestra, Music of the Baroque and the

2012 Winners

(multiples listed in alphabetical order)

MYA Division

String Winner: Contrapunctus

Strings Honorable Mentions: Alpaca String Quartet, Schwarzenbach & Sons, Tea Time

Woodwind Winner: No Strings Attached

Woodwind Honorable Mentions: Ebony Quartet, Triumvirate

MYA Division Overall Winner: Contrapunctus

Open Division

String Winner: The Camerton String Quartet, Community Music School of Webster University in St. Louis, MO

Strings Honorable Mentions: Quartet Tzigane, Minneapolis, MN; Three of a Kind Piano Trio, Merit School of Music in Chicago; Trio Sospiri, The Chamber Music Connection in Ohio; The Verruckt String Quartet, The Chamber Music Connection in Ohio

Woodwind Winner: Precipice Saxophone Quartet, Merit School of Music in Chicago

Woodwind Honorable Mention: Quartet Saltatus, Music Institute of Chicago

Open Division Overall Winner: The Camerton String Quartet, Community Music School of Webster University in St. Louis, MO

The application deadline for the 6th Annual Discover National Concerto Competition is February 1, 2013.

For more information, please visit www.mya.org or call (847) 926-9898.

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Midwest Young Artists is one of the leading youth music ensemble programs in the Midwest and represents some of the best young musicians in the country. The program offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber and orchestral instruction. Midwest Young Artists was founded in 1993. MYA currently reaches over 1,000 students from 74 communities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 2nd through 12th grades. MYA has eight youth orchestras, more than 65 chamber music ensembles, choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, and classes in music theory and history, as well as extensive summer offerings. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and to perform in major venues throughout Chicago and around the world. Leading the nation in chamber music instruction, MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories, universities and colleges in the country.

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